

A ROOF SAILING SKYWARD.

BAYONNE STARTLED BY A BIG NOISE AND GREAT RAINING OF BULLETS

**An Oil Tank Blows Up and Many Think It
an Earthquake—Three Tanks Burned and
Forty More Pumped Dry—Panic on a Ferry.**

At 13 o'clock yesterday afternoon a tremendous explosion shook many houses in Bayonne, N. J., and completely demolished every pane of glass in the Centreville section of the city. The next moment a tall sheet of flame shot up from the oil yards at Constable

from the Kill Von Kull. When it disappeared from the terrified people who had rushed from their homes and were thronging the streets saw a big black body floating through the air. It rose slowly, and then, after rolling and plunging through space, slowly descended. Many recognized it as the top of an oil tank. Then a dense column of the blackest smoke sprang

up and drifted with the breeze.

One of the many tanks in the oil yards at the Hook had exploded. Recorder Bashor caused an alarm of fire to be sent out. The volunteer department rushed to the scene, about two miles from the built-up part of the city. When they found that the fire was not serious, they returned to the yard of the Seaboard Refinery Company in flames. Nothing could save them or their contents. The tanks were quickly pumped empty.

Around the burning tanks everything was in a hurry. The baggage and conveyance was a two-story brick office building, within a hundred feet of the blazing tanks, and it was being scalded by the heat. The furniture, books, and instruments in it were being scorched. A fearful concussion. Every window was gone, and the roof was falling. The building had been the sport of a prolonged fire. The factory, about a hundred feet further away, was also scorched.

Although a large force of men were busy in the yard, some of our men were injured. One of them was Thomas J. Baker, clerk in the office. He was writing up his books when the explosion occurred on the second story. The explosion threw him off his back, and before he could rise the window with its sash fell on his head, fracturing his skull. His face was severely cut and his hand was injured. He was taken to his home in Bayonne.

Our escape from the yard was a narrow one, was bruised by being thrown to the ground.

"Our escape from loss of life or serious injury was a narrow one. The fire in the refinery was narrow indeed. Tank 14 exploded first, and that fired the others. In the end, only three tanks were left standing, and the others much less. Our total loss was not beyond \$5,000 and we shall not lose a day's work. The refinery is insured by the New York and London Assurance Co. and the loss belongs to Messrs. Lombard, Ayres & Co."

At 8 o'clock last night the fire had been almost extinguished.

The explosion occurred as the Staten Island

ANOTHER BANG IN THE SONGY.

And Leaves No Trace.

The amateur earthquakes in the Soney flat in Fifty-second street, continue. A terrific blast occurred shortly before 6 last evening startling all the people in the house. It was on the sixth floor, where most of the explosions have occurred. Every effort is being made to discover the cause of the serious disturbance, but thus far without result. Building inspectors examined the flat yesterday and said they could discover nothing to account for the explosion. They said, however, that there is a settlement in the northeast corner of the building, which has caused the brickwork to crack. The crack runs diagonally to the rear wall to crack. They suggest that the brick work be rebuilt and the broken sills replaced. The cause of the explosion is not known, and the men and women who lived in the flat are now and then asked naturally, though greatly interested in the effort to find out who is making the trouble.

They Think Russ was Murdered.

Mrs. Charles Arnold, the sister of Charles Russ, who was found dead on last Saturday morning, in his home near the corner of Fifty-second street and Avenue C, said she learned that her husband and sister had learned that Russ had some enemies, and they now believe he was murdered. The police still believe Russ killed himself.

Mrs. Arnold said she had been married to Russ for 12 years. She lives at 100 West 125th street. She said she had been in the surrogate's office in Kings county for 12 years.

Fritz Schneider, for whom the ruins have been looking since last Sunday, was taken to the Stagg street police station by Mr. Charles Prevost of Humboldt street yesterday morning. "Russ," says he, "was in a gloomy state of mind, but I did not have any trouble with him."

A Cry From the River.

Dominick Mulligan of 419 East Fifteenth street has been engaged in the trucking business at Mercer and Spring streets. Yesterday his brother-in-law was looking for a new truck. About the Mercersburg street

He left his office at 7:20 P. M. on Saturday, Feb. 7. He was with a friend going toward his stables on East Fourteenth street. He was then on a Prince street car. He did not reach the stables and has not been seen since.

A man fell into the East River at the foot of East Sixteenth street on Saturday night. A German of a light complexion, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, heard his cry for help and tried to rescue him. It was dark, and the man was drowned before help could reach him. Mr. Muligan's friends think he was the man. Mr. Muligan's wife and two children are searching for him.

Dr. Ritter Fined \$50.

Dr. Carl E. Ritter, a well-known physician

residing at 12 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by Justice McKenna of New York on the charge of violating the law by practicing in Queens county without having filed his certificate in the County Clerk's office. Mr. Ritter pleaded guilty, and was fined \$50.

Miss Chamberlain Changes her Mind.

The Cunard steamer Gallia came in yesterday morning without Miss Jennie Chamberlain, the young American who has become famous as a society beauty in England. She had made preparations to sail on the Gallia, but it was stormy and cold when the

The Weather Yesterday.
Indicated by Hudnut's thermometer: 3 A. M., 50; 6 A. M., 52; 9 A. M., 107; 12 M., 53; 3 P. M., 28; 6 P. M., 25; 9 P. M., 24; 12 M., 24; Average, 16 2/3; Average on Feb. 12, last year, 55 1/2.

The Signal Office Prediction.
Colder, fair weather, followed by light snow.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Slight shocks of earthquakes were felt yesterday in Alhambra, Spain.

Heaton is to have a new theatre, that will seat from 3,500 to 4,000 persons. It will cost \$500,000 exclusive of the lot.

The action of Mrs. Welden, in London, against her husband, for \$100,000 for support and maintenance, was yesterday dismissed.

William Smith, while returning from Fort Plain to his home in Sat. Springfield, N. Y., late on Wednesday forenoon, was frozen to death.

An Italian named Antonio Gaycom was found murdered on the railroad near Baldwinsville, N. Y., yesterday.

Hardin Hill, a farmer, of Bardonia, N. Y., shot and mortally wounded his wife on Wednesday night, and then escaped. It is supposed jealousy was the cause of the shooting.

It is a rumor of Lexington, Ky., has bought from Chas. Kahn of Cincinnati the celebrated gelding Leno, five years old, by Haubtstonian Drovershire, slain by "Crazy Nick," for \$3,000.

Policeman St. Cherpa, who was sent to Skiermielle to do special duty during the late meeting of the three "Lancers," has not been seen since, and it is feared he has been murdered.

Señor Albacete, who represented the Spanish Government in negotiating the commercial treaty between

The boiler in McDanel & Wright's store out, in Franklin, Ind., exploded yesterday morning, killing James High, the engineer, and wrecking the building. The employees had a narrow escape. Damage, about \$5,000.

The commission of the Paris Exhibition of 1900, has decided upon a guaranteed capital of 100,000 francs, of which 25,000 francs shall be devoted to the building of two permanent structures on the Champs de Mars.

A human skeleton, charged with foreign English notes, has been discovered in Britain to eight years, and is now in the hands of the authorities of the city of Forbury in Rochester, N. Y. The skeleton is that of O'Donovan.

The Southern Railway and Steamship Association yesterday announced that the railroads' long-haul freight rates would be in temporary agreement, and all freight rates were restored to their former standard. The restored rates go into effect today on the 15th inst.

The fury in the case of John C. Wheeler, central in a North Carolina murder, was the murder of Raleigh, N. C., a North Carolina railroad worker, December 1934.

Madison, Cal., yesterday afternoon, returned with a very small diet of hot guinea.

A train on the Tonawanda branch of the New York and Erie yesterday morning left the track for miles east of Raleigh, N. C., yesterday morning. The train was carrying a freight car, a baggage car, and coach left the rails and jolted over the ties. The cars continued an upright position and were not damaged.